

2006 ELECTION

MAUI MAYOR



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I am running for the office of Mayor of Maui County. I was born in Hāna, graduated from the University of Hawai'i-Mānoa, and worked for sixteen years as a teacher, counselor, coach and athletic director at schools on O'ahu and Maui. I directed the Upward Bound Program at Maui Community College for six years and in 1989 was appointed Director of Maui County Parks & Recreation, serving until 1995.

As Parks Director, I initiated the PALS Program (Play and Learn Sessions) for our county's youth and led an effort to revise the county's park assessment requirements that doubled the size of parkland in new subdivisions.

Since 1997, I have served on the Maui County Council. I have enjoyed my work and have been an active Councilmember. I am especially proud of introducing and supporting legislation that resulted in: the creation of a more comprehensive and accountable planning process; the establishment of Maui County's first Model Energy Code; and the introduction of a successful Charter amendment to establish non-partisan elections for Mayor and County Council. This approach better enables local government to focus on community issues that transcend party lines.

As Mayor, my top priorities will include delivering effective public services that are fiscally responsible and environmentally sound; promoting renewable energy; and finding a balance between supporting a strong economy and preserving the qualities that make Maui so special.

I would appreciate your vote in the coming election.